

FISCAL NOTE

HB 1368 - SB 1645

March 20, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates a Class E felony offense for a law enforcement officer, correctional employee, or volunteer to engage in sexual contact with an inmate or prisoner. Current law provides that it is a Class A misdemeanor for a law enforcement officer or a correctional officer to engage in sexual contact with an inmate or prisoner.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$27,800/Incarceration*
Decrease Local Govt. Expenditures - Not Significant
Decrease Local Govt. Revenues - Not Significant

Estimate assumes six Class E felony convictions each year which will shift costs to the state and remove the impact of misdemeanor expenditures and revenues from local governments.

**Section 9-4-210, TCA, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law. The amount appropriated for operating cost, in current dollars, shall be based upon the highest cost of the next 10 years, beginning with the year the additional sentence to be served impacts the correctional facilities population.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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